The Story of the Monuments

Judge David Schenck preserved the first thirty acres of the battlefield in October of 1886 and established the Guilford Battleground Company (GBC), today an ally of the National Park Service. The non-profit group's mission was to preserve and adorn the grounds of the Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse and to commemorate North Carolina Revolutionary heroes. The GBC reinterred several North Carolina Revolutionary War soldiers on the battlefield.

The US War Department began administration of the park in 1917. Then several monuments were constructed such as the George Washington's visit Monument in 1925 and the Griffin Fauntleroy Monument in 1932.

The National Park Service began administering the park in 1933. Several monuments were removed or relocated to restore the historic landscape of the battlefield. The Davidson and Nash arches astride New Garden Road were disassembled along with several smaller monuments. The Kings Mountain Monument was transfer to Kings Mountain National Military Park. In 1962, the Colonial Monument was moved to Alamance Battlefield in Alamance County, North Carolina.

Interesting Facts

The Arthur Forbis monument was the first placed on the Battlefield in 1887.

The names of the soldiers buried at the Delaware grave site are William Drew, Cornelius Haginay, and John Towland.

There are two monuments dedicated to women: Martha MacFarlane McGee-Bell and Kerenhappuch Norman Turner.

The monument to Brigadier General Jethro Sumner was recently reconstructed due to an automobile accident.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina is named for Joseph Winston, a Major in the Surry County Militia during the Revolutionary War.

The No-North/No-South was placed to heal the wounds of the Civil War. George Washington was a Southern General from Virginia commander of Northern troops, Nathanael Greene was a Northern General from Rhode Island commander of Southern troops.

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